

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

A Message from Father Chitral

Dear Friends,

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The Lent season began on February 22nd. Each lent season gives us to examine our relationship with God and an opportunity to ignite our friendship with God. This will also offer us a time to pause and re-energize ourselves to continue to do God's work.

Lent season would be a good time to reflect on your work, your thoughts, and your actions and to discern your calling to do God's work. Sometimes may be because of our own lenses we wear, we do not see God, although God is right in front of us. We look for God sometimes in wrong places or we cry for God saying why God abandoned us when God is with us, helping, comforting, and guiding us.

In Lent season, we focus on temptations. Temptations, Jesus was confronted with in the dessert and the temptations we are having in our daily lives. Temptation can, if we look at with the eyes of faith, be good for us and good for God's plan for our lives. A faith that is tempted, or tested, and survives, is a better faith.

As the transfiguration of Jesus teaches us, we all need a mountain top experience to have an encounter with God and receive the blessings of the Holy Trinity to continue our work in the valley. Having the mountaintop experience always empowers us to live our faith as Christians and to have a dynamic and confident faith.

As we begin the Lent season, we are reminded that we are called to see as well as to believe the divine and to experience as well as to hope God's presence in our midst.

Let's pray and hope that this Lent will give us knowledge as well as faith and sight as well as belief.

God's Blessings – Fr. Chitral

Please submit any articles for the May newsletter to chirusha.demel@gmail.com by April 20th 2023 .



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GOOD SHEPHERD
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A Message from the Music Director

John Bowring had a distinguished career, with many great accomplishments. Born in England in 1792, Bowring was a respected economist and writer, who also served as a Member of Parliament and as the Governor of Hong Kong.

One day, Bowring was on a ship, sailing past Macao (off the China coast). It is said that he saw on the shore the remains of an old church that had been ravaged by fire. Above the ruins, the spire of the church remained in place, with a cross standing strong and tall. That cross seemed to remind him of what was important in his life.

Inspired by that moment, Bowring wrote a hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." He could have boasted about the successes of his career. Instead, he wrote, "In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime."

Although his life had been filled with ups and downs, Bowring recognized that the cross had changed everything. "When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me, lo! it glows with peace and joy." The cross provided a peace "that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide."

Bowring's tombstone is marked not by his impressive resume, but by the *title of this hymn*. In death, he wanted the living to focus on Jesus and the cross.

Today, do not glory in your personal accomplishments, talents, or resources. Remember what Bowring and Paul wrote and make your boast in the cross.

Join us on Sunday, March 19th as we sing this great hymn.

Easter Offering Envelope

The Easter Offering Envelopes are enclosed in this month's mailing for your extra gifts to the Church at Eastertide. If you have a set of numbered pledge envelopes, you may use the appropriate one in the box for Easter instead of the one in this mailing.

Easter Flowers / Memorials

Also enclosed is the Easter Flower Offering envelope for your donations towards the cost of the flowers on Easter Day. Please be sure to include the names of your loved ones that you want printed in the Easter bulletin. Please write or call the Church Office (781-326-3052) (leave a voice message) no later than Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

Dedham Food Pantry Donations

Our offerings collected at Father Chitral's installation service have been donated to the Dedham Food Pantry. We were able to donate over \$400 to help our community with their food and basic needs. Thanks be to God!

Memorial Candle

If you would like to have the candle in the chapel lit for a week in remembrance of a loved one. Please let Chirusha know. She is keeping a calendar of requests for the year. The cost of the candle for the week is \$6.00

Cape Cod Cares for Our Troops

Thank you to all who donated items to the collection for active-duty military. Over 150 items were collected including food, personal items, and hats. The collection is sponsored through the Norfolk County RSVP program. The Norfolk County RSVP program will be sending the items to the organization Cape Cod Cares for Our Troops which distributes the items to active-duty military and their families. It's a simple way to say thank you for their efforts and their sacrifices.

Book Collection

The collection for books for the PrisonBook Program will continue through February. The guidelines for the program are listed on the bulletin board or can be emailed to you. If you have any questions or need someone to pick up books, please call Diane at 781-254-7008. Thank you!

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday April 2nd– Palm Sunday

10:00 am Worship service - includes the blessing of the psalms and the reading of the passion by the congregation. Choir will perform special music.

Thursday April 6th – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship service – includes washing of the feet, the last supper and stripping of the altar. Choir will perform special music.

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday

12:00 noon Chapel Service

7:00 pm Worship service - includes the last words of Christ, veneration of the cross. Choir will perform special music.

Saturday April 8th – The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm Worship service—a service of darkness to light where bells ring and Easter flowers are brought into the sanctuary. Choir will perform special music.

Sunday April 9th – Easter Sunday

- 10:00 am Worship service – Christ has risen!
- Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones adorn the sanctuary and altar.
- Choir will perform two Easter anthems.
- Special Easter Egg Hunt for the children.



Servers for March

March 5th

Lector: Caroline Angel Burke

Altar: Florence Chmielorz, Diane Foulds, and Marie Winston

Usher: Marie Winston

Counters: Eliot Foulds and Bob Chmielorz

March 12th

Lector: Nancy Keigan

Altar: Florence Chmielorz, Diane Foulds, and Marie Winston

Usher: Perry Roberts

Counters: Brian Angel Burke and Jean McKinney

March 19th

Lector: Children and Youth

Altar: Eileen Centofanti and Carolyn Chu

Usher: Children and Youth

Counters: Scott Mingels and Caroline Angel Burke

March 26th

Lector: Steven McChesney

Altar: Eileen Centofanti and Carolyn Chu

Usher: Marie Winston

Counters: Patty Roberts and Maribeth Mahoney

"A sacrifice without a sacrifice is not a sacrifice"